

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Public Notice
Planned Issuance of a Revised Acid Rain Permit for the
Newton Power Station

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) is proposing to issue a revised Acid Rain Program Permit for the Illinois Power Generating Company - Newton Power Station at 6725 N. 500th Street in Newton pursuant to and consistent with Section 39.5(17)(f) of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act and Titles IV and V of the federal Clean Air Act. This permit would address the two electrical generating units at this facility. The source's designated representative for these units under the permit would be Alan Bogardus.

The revised acid rain permit would reflect applicable regulatory requirements of the federal Acid Rain Program. As such, it would require the source to hold sulfur dioxide (SO₂) allowances under the Acid Rain Program to account for the SO₂ emissions of the affected units. An allowance is a limited authorization to emit one ton of SO₂ in or after a given calendar year. As the affected units are existing units under the Acid Rain Program, the source receives annual allocations of allowances from USEPA for these units. The source may also participate in the allowance trading with other sources to obtain additional allowances or transfer surplus allowances. The revised permit would also address the applicable limit under the Acid Rain Program that applies to the emissions of nitrogen oxides of the affected units. The permit would also address emission monitoring and reporting requirements under the Acid Rain Program. The revised permit would have a new expiration date, November 19, 2020, consistent with the expiration date of the current CAAPP permit for Newton. The permit would not affect the source's responsibility to meet all applicable federal, state and local requirements.

The Illinois EPA is requesting comments on the planned issuance of this revised permit, as reflected in the draft of the revised permit that has been prepared and discussed in the accompanying statement of basis. Comments must be postmarked by midnight August 13, 2016.

Persons wanting more information may review the draft of the revised permit and accompanying statement of basis at the Illinois EPA's offices at 2125 South First Street in Champaign, 217/278-5800 and 1021 N. Grand Ave East in Springfield, 217/782-7027 (please call ahead to assure that someone will be available to assist you). Copies of these documents will be made available upon request.

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